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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS
AND OTHER OFFICERS OF
..... THE TOWN OF

BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
ENDING MARCH, 12, 1910



Press of MARS HILL VIEW



MAY - 1911

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

Here are some Prices that will help you

Silver Over a Cloudy Day

White Iron Beds,	2.75 to 15.00 each
Solid Oak Dressers,	8.55 to 20.00
Floor Oilcloths,	25, 35 & 40c per yd.
Linoleums	50c to 1.25 per sq. yd.
Straw Mattings,	15 to 35c yd.

A BIG Line of Rugs At LITTLE Prices

Come in--whether you want to buy or
not we can cheer you up.

Dunn Furniture Company

Opera House Block

Houlton,

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Maine

4592-3



Report of Assessors 1909

Real estate resident	\$244899 00
Real estate non-resident	31775 00
Total real estate	\$276674 00
Personal estate resident	\$78099 00
Personal estate non-resident	2500 00
Total personal estate	\$ 80599 00
Total valuation	357273 00

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Live stock.	No.	Av. value.	Total value
Horses	389	\$68	\$26755 00
Colts 3 to 4	15	79	1185 00
Colts 2 to 3	20	54	1080 00
Colts under 2	28	41	1050 00
Cows	283	16	4597 00
Oxen	1	25	25 00
3 years old	39	12	490 00
2 years old	60	10	645 00
1 year old	128	5 50	741 00
Sheep	455	3 45	1578 00
Swine	122	5	703 00
Total amount of live stock			\$38849 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock, number shares, 50	\$ 5000 00
Money at interest	18000 00
Stock in trade	12250 00
Logs and lumber	3300 00
Musical instruments, 30	3000 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate	200 00
	\$41750 00

Assessment for 1909

State tax	\$1197 79
Support of schools	1800 00
Support of poor and other necessary expense	1800 00
Repairs school buildings	250 00
School text books	300 00
Free High School	500 00
Roads and bridges	2000 00
Morse road	400 00
Jamieson road	300 00
To pay Superintendent schools	150 00
State aid	66 00
Town debt and interest	1000 00
A building at Corner cemetery	25 00
Electric light	200 00
County tax	601 31
Overlay	301 54
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	\$10891 64
Tax rate on one dollar, .029	
Number of polls taxed, 296 at \$3	\$ 888 00
Number of polls not taxed, 5	
Tax on real and personal estate	10003 64
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	\$10891 64

H. G. STACKPOLE, } Assessors
H. E. PRYOR, } of
J. W. SARGENT, } Bridgewater

Schools

Howard Jamieson	wood	\$ 3 00
James Ketchum	"	3 00
Edith Sears	teaching	120 00
Geo. R. Fletcher	"	96 00
Ruby Barken	"	108 00
Guy Murphy	janitor	3 00
Hattie Ross	teaching	84 00
Florence Haynes	"	106 00
Della Ackerson	"	60 00
Roby Nichols	janitor	9 00
Dan Cronk	conveying scholars	60 00
Charles Burns	janitor	35 00
Beatrice Haskins	teaching	27 00
W. W. Packard	conveying scholars	40 50
Howard Lewis	janitor	3 00
Charles Murphy	wood	2 50
Helen Ackerson	teaching	51 00
Howard Lewis	janitor	5 00
Della Ackerson	teaching	40 00
William Tapley	wood	11 00
Harry Simonson	janitor	3 25
Geo. Jamieson	wood	18 00
H. G. Morse	"	107 47
Edith Sears	teaching	50 00
Geo. R. Fletcher	"	36 00
Edith Sears	"	50 00
Geo. R. Fletcher	"	54 00
Florence Haynes	"	30 00
Della Ackerson	"	60 00
Hattie Ross	"	75 00
Ruby Barken	"	95 00
Helen Vasseur	"	60 00
Mrs. J. W. Fulton	boarding teacher	21 00
Mrs. Steward	teaching	35 00
Archie Nichols	janitor	7 50
Charles Burns	"	25 00
Miss Vasseur	"	2 75

“ “ teaching	22 50
Mrs. A. B. Baley “	24 00
Donnie Gray “	40 00
Ernest Whited janitor	2 50
J. H. Farley “	9 63
Miss Vasseur teaching	120 00
Gertrude Trask “	48 00
Miss Delano “	48 00
Edith Pert “	36 00
Hattie Ross “	51 00
E. E. Milliken wood	3 75
M. S. Rideout “	3 00
L. O. Bradbury janitor	8 00
Pierce & Tarbox	126 00
Cellen Fisher trucking	112 00
Gertrude Trask “	120 00
Della Ackerson “	140 00
Miss Delano “	120 00
Archie Nichols janitor	14 30
John Clark “	28 00
Edith Pert teaching	90 00
Charles Burns janitor	22 50
Harry Simonson “	4 50
Forest Bradstreet teaching	60 00
Dan Cronkite conveying scholars	4 00
James Shaw janitor	1 00
Jessie Shaw “	3 50
Henry Baston wood	32 00
A. W. Parkard conveying scholars	59 50
Gertrude Trask teaching	48 00
Mellie Delano “	48 00
Thomas Cook wood	5 00
Gertrude Trask teaching	48 00
Della Ackerson “	88 00
Howard Slipp	5 00
Mrs. Wm. McKeen cleaning schoolhouse	2 50
Geo. Jamieson wood	27 50
Henry Baston conveying scholars	12 50

Helen Vasseur	3 50
H. G. Morse wood	32 00
Beatrice Hoskin teaching	36 00
Charles Burns janitor	35 00
Beatrice Hoskins teaching	36 00

Total amt. expended 1909 schools \$3477 65

Unexpended March 15 1909	\$1346 62
Appropriated " 29 "	1800 00
Interest on school fund	121 58
School fund mill tax	1706 97

	4975 17

Unexpended March 12, 1910 \$1497 52

\$4975 17

Free High School

Treasurer B. C. A., tuition	\$ 210 60
Treasurer B. C. A., tuition	226 80
H. G. Morse, wood	39 90
E. C. Folsom, tuition B. C. A.	180 00
E. C. Folsom, tuition B. C. A.	302 40
H. G. Morse, wood B. C. A.	122 28
E. C. Folsom, supplies	22 75

\$1104 73

Appropriated March 29, 1909	\$500 00
Received from State	285 13

\$785 23

School Text Books

Amount expended March 12, 1910	\$257 88
Appropriated March 29, 1909	\$300 00

Repairs on School Buildings

Amount expended March 12, 1910	\$ 84 73	
Appropriated March 29, 1909		\$250 00

Superintendent Schools 1909

L. W. Robbins	\$135 00	
Unexpended March 12, 1910	15 00	
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Appropriated March 29, 1909		\$150 00

Roads and Bridges

Scoley Kingsbury	labor	12 25
John Hodgston	"	6 12
Albert Parsons	"	13 12
Albert Parsons	"	2 25
Howard Nelson	"	17 50
John Jamieson	"	24 50
Samuel Bridges	"	12 50
George Jamieson	"	29 75
Joseph Milbury	"	24 00
Guy S. Burns	"	8 75
Charles Murphy	"	3 75
Harry Burt	"	10 00
C. E. Lawrence	"	8 00
R. R. Thompson	"	7 00
W. H. Green	"	6 72
Henry Holmes	"	8 10
C. K. Fulton	"	10 50
Howard Jamieson	"	19 25
Howard Jamieson	gravel	30 64
Henry Barken	labor	3 50
C. K. Sherwood	"	8 75
Basil McDonald	"	3 50
D. B. Ackerson	"	6 50
Andrew Estey	"	17 50
Howard Sargent	"	30 75
James Gray	"	14 00
C. R. Sherwood	"	7 00
Basil McDonald	"	3 50
T. O. Parks	"	7 00
N. T. Jamieson	"	28 00
Theo. Parks	"	16 38
Norman Dickerson	"	36 50
Joseph Welch	"	31 50
Joseph Carmichael	"	21 00
H. L. Pryor	"	14 00
John W. Fulton	"	1 75

John W. Fulton	"	19 75
W. E. Parks	"	7 00
Harry Good	"	4 00
Fred A. Burns	"	10 50
Hazen Steeves	"	16 63
Hazen Steeves	"	4 37
Henry Barken	"	3 00
R. R. Parks	"	19 25
William Ritter	"	18 75
Emerson Nickerson	"	24 50
H. F. Simonson	"	12 25
Frank Bradbury	"	7 44
John W. Fulton	"	5 25
Fred Cook	"	27 00
W. I. Lawrence	"	22 75
Wm. Good	"	7 00
E. E. Pryor	"	7 00
Edward Nichols	"	57 25
W. H. Whited	"	12 50
M. S. Rideout	"	60 00
J. A. Pryor	"	12 21
Charles Whited	"	28 50
E. T. Monteith	"	33 75
William McKinnon	"	14 00
Wesley McNinch	"	3 50
Wesley McNinch	"	3 50
Thomas Bridges	"	1 75
Wesley McNinch	"	11 37
Thomas Bridges	"	3 50
Frank Kimball	"	3 50
A. O. Shaw	"	8 75
C. J. Ketchum	gravel	24 10
John McDonald	labor	7 88
J. F. Bradstreet	"	7 25
F. W. Snow	supplies	4 18
Geo. Stiles	"	12 75
Geo. Parks	labor	14 00
Ed Dow	"	15 00

Wallis Clark	"	7 88
E. E. Milliken	"	5 25
F. C. Burns	"	16 63
E. C. Folsom	supplies	14 56
Jarvis Kilcollins	labor	1 75
Adolph Ritter	"	13 35
Samuel J. Hartley	"	7 00
Pentington McKeen	"	10 50
Henry Gurrier	"	3 13
Edward Brown	"	12 50
George Pryor	"	14 00
I. V. Durgin	"	27 75
W. W. Packard	"	4 50
Charles Murphy	"	2 50
A. W. Packard	"	3 00
E. W. McBurney	"	4 50
James Ketchum	"	15 00
Harry Good	"	4 50
Clifford Burns	"	1 50
R. R. Parks	scraper	5 00
Bird Carmichael	labor	1 50
William Webber	"	4 50
N. T. Jamieson	"	18 00
Norman Dickerson	"	15 12
Guy Burns	"	3 00
George Stitham	"	7 00
Charles Stitham	"	1 75
George O. Stitham	"	6 13
N. T. Jamieson	"	21 00
Burton Hartley	"	9 63
Henry Hartley	"	9 63
William Miller	"	14 00
G. W. Nelson	"	15 65
William Green	"	14 00
E. O. Collins	"	10 50
Charles Murphy	"	21 25
F. G. Bradstreet	"	25 37
G. W. Finnemore	"	19 25

J. W. Nichols	"	12 25
E. C. Barrett	"	29 75
James Gray	"	4 00
Harley Green	"	2 25
Edgar Brown	"	10 00
Grover McCluskey	"	12 63
George Stitham	"	8 75
Willard Pryor	"	17 63
Walter Welch	"	10 50
W. W. Nichols	"	16 63
Fred Barrett	"	8 75
H. F. Simonson	"	13 00
E. O. Collins	"	5 25
M. S. Rideout	"	50 00
William Black	"	46 75
Ami Miller	"	16 63
H. O. Webber	"	19 25
Herman McIntyre	"	3 75
C. A. Lewis	"	25 50
Dan Cronkite	"	1 00
John Delong	"	28 00
E. E. Shaw	"	15 00
Howard Slipp	"	8 00
Charles Whited	"	7 00
Fred Blackden	"	14 40
A. M. Stackpole	"	2 00
W. I. Lawrence	"	2 00
William Ritter	"	1 50
M. S. Rideout	"	5 00
Henry Barken	"	50
Set aside from regular highway money		156 05

\$2006 81

Appropriated March 29, 1909

\$2000 00

Overdrawn March 12, 1910

6 81

\$2006 81

State Road 1909

J. C. Smith	gravel	\$ 10 50
George Stitham	labor	7 00
Henry Hartley	"	5 25
Buston Hartley	"	7 00
George Stitham	"	7 00
W. H. Green	"	5 55
N L. Jamieson	"	18 00
Charlie Cox	"	7 00
Walter Welch	"	12 50
N. Stitham	"	7 00
Fred Barrett	"	15 00
James Gray	"	14 00
William Black	"	11 25
H. O. Webber	"	15 00
J. C. Smith	plow	6 00
John Hodgston	labor	14 00
Albert Parsons	"	7 00
Edgar Brown	"	7 00
Joseph Milbury	"	25 50
Harry Burt	"	8 00
C. E. Lawrence	"	14 50
George A. Barrett	"	8 75
Henry Holmes	"	14 00
C. R. Fulton	"	13 75
Howard Jamieson	gravel	10 16
Lee Jamieson	labor	15 00
Howard Jamieson	"	7 00
W. I. Lawrence	"	8 75
Burt Tapley	"	14 00
W. H. Tapley	"	7 00
Odber Pryor	"	5 25
Joseph Carmichael	"	18 25
J. W. Fulton		10 00
Harry Good		15 00
Emerson Nickerson		11 75
Frank Bradbury		7 00

Jarvis Kilcollins	8 75
W. H. Whited	21 00
William Whited	9 00
M. S. Rideout	20 00
Joseph Pryor	11 67
Wesley McNinch	6 13
Joe Smith	10 50
C. J. Ketchum gravel	7 50
Wallis Clark labor	7 00
Pentington McKeen	11 25

Total amount expended	502 01
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Appropriated March 29, 1909	\$ 66 00
Unexpended March 4, 1909	32 46
Set aside from highway money	156 05
Received from State	247 50
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	\$502 01

Jamieson Road

Samuel Bridges labor	\$ 25 75
Samuel Bridges "	5 00
N. T. Jamieson "	60 00
N. T. Jamieson "	140 00
N. T. Jamieson "	32 55
N. T. Jamieson "	33 00

\$296 30

Unexpended March 4, 1909	\$ 86 58
Appropriated March 29, 1909	300 00
Unexpended March 9, 1910	90 28
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	\$386 58
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	\$386 58

Morse Road

George McDonald	labor	\$50 00	
Charles Pryor	"	7 00	
W. H. Tapley	"	42 00	
Stephen Flowers	"	20 00	
Gilbert Kinney	"	32 00	
William Webber	"	20 25	
George McDonald	"	50 00	
Stephen Flowers	"	50 00	
William Webber	"	18 00	
Stephen Flowers	"	5 00	
A. H. Bradstreet	"	20 02	
John Delong	"	47 30	
M. S. Rideout		10 00	
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		\$371 57	
Unexpended March 9, 1910		28 43	
Appropriated March 29, 1909			\$400 00
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		\$400 00	\$400 00

Miscellaneous

E. O. Collins, constable	4 50
E. O. Collins, moderator	3 00
Geo. Davis, sidewalk	1 30
Geo. Davis, fighting fire	2 00
E. L. Lowell, printing report	44 00
R. R. Parks,	2 00
J. D. Burt, repairs on hall	4 05
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for town	33 48
R. J. Kimball, services as clerk	20 00
Fred C. Nickerson boarding horse	15 00
H. G. Stackpole, desk for town	10 00
H. G. Stackpole, telephone and postage	5 00
Ira Kilcollons, burial of dog	1 00
E. O. Collins, collecting dog tax	20 00
R. R. Parks, fighting fire	3 00
J. A. Pryor, hauling fire engine	5 00
H. O. Webber " " "	3 00
N. L. Jamieson, constable	4 00
E. J. Hughes, services on fire engine	13 80
Geo. L. Holyoke, insurance on hall	30 00
Dr. McCrea, births and deaths	3 00
Howard Nelson, constable	4 00
A. E. Schriver, births and deaths	7 25
B. J. Nelson, fighting fire	2 90
A. M. Stackpole, interest on school fund	121 58
Geo. A. Barrett, discount on 1909 tax	15 00
Geo A. Barrett, percentage on collected 1909 tax	100 00
Nathaniel Tompkins, percentage on 1907 tax	273 15
Nathaniel Tompkins, abatements on 1907 tax	28 75

A. M. Stackpole, Jr. superintendent	100 00
E. C. Folsom, treasurer	50 00
H. G. Stackpole,	100 00
A. M. Stackpole Jr. board of health	10 00
H. E. Pryor, selectman	50 00
J. W. Sargent, "	50 00
E. W. Nelson,	3 00
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Appropriated March 29, 1909

\$1212 00

Pauper Account

James Finnemore

A. E. Schriver	\$14 00	
John McDonald		
J. W. Fulton, digging grave	\$2 50	
Total expenditures for poor		\$588 90
Appropriated March 29, 1909		588 90
Due from town of Fort Fairfield	\$38 23	
Due from town of Blaine	92 73	
	<hr/>	\$130 96

Nemiah Stitham

E. W. Thistle, medicine	\$3 35
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Charles London's children

U. Stitham	\$40 83	
U. Stitham	16 04	
U. Stitham	18 00	
U. Stitham	19 00	
U. Stitham	14 00	
Town of Patten	68 61	
H. G. Stackpole, expense to Patten	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$186 48

Mrs. Wesley McNinch

Wesley McNinch	\$ 5 00
Wesley McNinch	1 00
E. W. Thistle, medicine	14 30
Wesley McNinch	5 00
W. E. Thistle	13 80
A. E. Schriver	16 50
W. E. Thistle, medicine	8 35
A. E. Schriver	4 00
F. W. Snow, casket and robe	27 50
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\$95 45

P. G. Smith

Maine Insane Hospital	\$166 33
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George McNinch

W. E. Thistle	\$ 60
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J. H. Farley, clothing	5 50
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\$6 10

Charles London

A. E. Schriver	\$11 50
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W. E. Thistle, medicine	1 15
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W. E. Thistle, "	3 10
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\$15 75

Oley L. Smith

Eastern Maine General Hospital	\$68 44
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Joseph Buxton

A. E. Schriver	\$9 00
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Dr. McCrea	7 00
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\$16 00

Albert Hansel

E. C. Folsom, due from Blaine	\$14 50
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Town Debt and Interest

Paid on debt and interest	\$2806 26	
Appropriated March 29, 1909		1000 00
Overdrawn " 12, 1910		1806 26
		<hr/> \$2806 26

Liabilities

Outstanding town orders	\$2059 60
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Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$2770 38
Due on 1905 assessment	99 12
" " 1906	297 12
" " 1908	938 59
" " 1909	605 24
" from State dog tax	65 00
" " Fort Fairfield	38 23
" " town Blaine	92 73
	<hr/> \$4906 41

Other Town Property

Town Hall	\$1500 00
High school building	2500 00
Nine " "	2700 00
Books on hands	500 00
Road machine and scraper	200 00
Store house	150 00
Engine house	350 00
Fire engine and hose	750 00
	<hr/> \$8650 00
	<hr/> \$13,556 41

H. G. STACKPOLE, } Selectmen
 H. E. PRYOR, } of
 JOHN W. SARGENT, } Bridgewater.

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the different officers of the town and find them correct.

E. B. MORTON, Auditor.

Janitor of Town Hall

Full amount collected for rent \$154 35

Disbursements

Paid for 59 gallons kerosene oil at 15c	\$ 8 85
“ “ lamp chimneys	3 08
“ “ burners and wicks	30
“ “ cleaning organ	3 00
“ “ cover for organ	75
“ “ table and cover	1 30
“ “ floor brush	1 75
“ “ wood	11 25
“ “ repairs and supplies not itemized	6 44
“ “ janitor \$5.00 per month	60 00
“ “ town treasurer	57 63

\$154 35

E. O. COLLINS,
Janitor.

Bridgewater, March 8, 1910.

I have examined above account and find same to be correct.

E. B. MORTON,
Auditor.

Uncollected Taxes for the years 1905, 1906 & 1908

Taxes of 1905 amounting to \$9912 00

Taxes of 1906 amounting to 29712 00

These taxes have been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection by E. C. Folsom, collector for these years.

Taxes of 1908 amounting to \$93859 00

These taxes have been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection by the SELECTMEN.

Unpaid Taxes for the year 1909

Herbert Arbo	\$ 11 40
Thomas Bridges	3 58
Walter Bradbury	3 00
Joseph Buxton	3 00
Clinton Bradstreet	21 68
Samuel Bridges	80
L. O. Bradbury	40
Daniel Cronkite	4 42
Wallace Carson	3 00
G. K. Davidson	26 96
Norman Dickerson	18 55
William Davis	3 00
Wilson Estabrooks	63 20
Geo. W. Finnemore	3 00
Harvey Hall	3 00
James Jones	4 20
Watson Lewis	3 00
Charles A. Lewis	18 58
Ben McKeen	11 84
Asa McNinch	14 20
Ed McNinch	4 60
Joseph Milbury	32 50
Richard McNinch	4 40
Ami Miller	14 20

Mathias McDonald	10 00
Nelson Niles	14 20
Hattie M. Cusch	125 65
E. E. Shaw	60 98
Hazen Steeves	52 12
Ed Seymore	3 00
Alvin Stitham	11 40
Isiah Tompking	18 88
Joseph Wade	16 80
Harry Ebbett	3 00
Buston Hartley	3 84
Moses Pryor	3 00
George L. Williams	15 86

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Report of Town Clerk

Births

1909

Jan.	16	Mrs. Frank G. Bradstreet, a son
Feb.	10	Mrs. Henry Tompkins, a son
	23	Mrs. Adelbert Raymond, a son
	13	Mrs. Bernard Welch, a son
Mar.	13	Mrs. Asa McNinch, a son
	20	Mrs. George Davidson, a daughter
	24	Mrs. Harry Good, a daughter
April	10	Mrs. James Pryor, a son
	19	Mrs. Norman Jamieson, a son
	20	Mrs. Nelson Niles, a son
	17	Mrs. Almon Robinson, a daughter
May	8	Mrs. Elias Nelson, a daughter
	19	Mrs. Fred Kimball, a daughter
	25	Mrs. Charles Nelson, a daughter
June	8	Mrs. Guy Allen, a son
	15	Mrs. George Jamieson, a daughter
July	16	Mrs. George Bartlett, a son
	30	Mrs. Maurice Carmichael, a son
Aug.	1	Mrs. Charles W. Williams, a son
Sept.	16	Mrs. Emerson Hartley, a son
	23	Mrs. John Delong, a son
Oct.	1	Mrs. Thomas McKinnon, a son
	8	Miss Laura Dow, a son
	15	Mrs. Robert Kingsbury, a son
Nov.	20	Mrs. John McDonald, a daughter
	26	Mrs. Guy Morse, a son
Dec.	22	Mrs. Nathaniel Bradstreet, a son

Marriages

1909

- April 28 Abner McNinch and Hannah Gray
 28 Charles H. Fullerton and Delia M. Pryor
 May 12 John Osborn and Beulah Tapley
 June 2 Nathaniel D. Bradstreet and Jennie B. Burns
 18 Odber A. Pryor and Violet Brooker
 July 15 George O. Stitham and Etta M. McClary
 28 Roy M. McClary and Edith M. Lewis
 Aug. 21 Perry E. Barker and Julia Stockford
 Sept. 1 Malcolm D. Smith and Agnes E. Walker
 28 Byron A. Lord and Ruth A. Haynes
 Oct. 8 Charles A. Smith and Ethel M. Walker
 19 John H. Coy and Angie W. Ackerson
 Nov. 11 Arthur M. Bean and Hattie M. Ross
 14 Joseph E. Withers and Ethel M. Buxton

Deaths

1909

- Jan. 30 Amy W. Pryor, aged 33 years 2 months
 Feb. 11 Minnie L. Williams, aged 1 year 7 months
 19 Jane Lawrence, aged 79 years 2 months
 Mar. 3 Kate F. T. Bradstreet, aged 47 years 2 months
 31 Dorothy Good, aged 7 days
 April 29 Patrick McGowan, aged 84 years
 May 2 James Finnemore, aged 81 years 6 months
 June 17 David S. Patterson, aged 2 years 5 months
 Oct. 1 Allen Nelson, aged 70 years 9 months
 4 Susannah Adams, aged 75 years 1 month
 26 Elbridge McIntyre, aged 53 years 6 months
 Nov. 30 Maria A. Brown, aged 56 years 2 months

R. J. KIMBALL.

Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Bridgewater.

I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Bridgewater.

The close of the municipal year takes place when all the schools are in the midst of their labors, having just entered on the work of the last half of the school year.

When I undertook the work of superintending the schools, nearly one year ago, I found the schools in a very good condition, much better than the average town of the size of Bridgewater and comparing favorably with the larger towns further south.

During the summer I formulated a "Course of Study" based on the text books now in use in the schools, that is well suited to the work now required and may be easily adapted to broader conditions whenever the town sees fit to introduce new work. This course was put into use at the opening of the fall term and a uniformity of work in the various schools has resulted. In another year it will be readily seen that pupils of the same age will be doing practically the same work at the same time. At the present time there are very many exceptions.

To increase the efficiency of your schools I make the following recommendations.

REPAIRS

The rural school buildings are in a very good condition and only general repairs will be needed. Closets for holding the text books are needed in two buildings so that the books may be securely locked up when not in use. Beyond this no repairs are needed.

The schools in the village are much overcrowded. This is a hopeful sign for the future of the town but calls unmistakably for more school room. The easiest, cheapest and most practicable way to relieve the congestion is to raise the Academy roof, give the lower floor entirely to the Academy and finish the upper story to

accommodate the grades. A small room for an office for the Superintendent could then be finished in the second story. The present heating plant is probably sufficient for this additional space so that the total expense cannot be very large compared with the benefits to be derived.

The extra amount to be received this year from the State and the amount saved by removing the necessity for running a summer school will go a long way towards meeting this expense.

TEXT BOOKS

The books now in use in the town are as good as any others and I would not advise displacing them with others. I do however recommend that more be purchased to supplement those now in use. There ought to be at least two primers, three would be better, two first readers, two second readers, and from the third grade to the eighth a supplementary historical and geographical reader in each grade. The eighth and ninth grades should use the time which is intended to be devoted to reading, in reading and studying selected classics rather than to use any regular Reader.

A beginning was made by the former Superintendent and a small increase in the appropriation will complete the introduction of this supplementary work. A set of Historical Readers, to familiarize our pupils with the most interesting and pertinent points in our History, is the most crying need of our schools today. I have devised and put into effect a scheme of accounting for text books and I expect there will be few lost books and those in use will last as long as they may reasonably be expected to do.

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES

Each school should be supplied with a Globe, a set of Maps in a case, and a case of Weights and Measures. The Primary School and the rural schools with many small pupils ought each to have a Kindergarden Table and Chairs and Busy work graded to accompany their lessons in Reading and Number Work. No doubt it will take several years to bring about all these things, but they are an essential part of the school furnishings, as much so as text books, and a beginning should be made this year.

NATURE STUDY

The study of plants and animals has developed into a fad, and in my estimation is very largely overdone. I think however it ought to have a place in every school curriculum for the following uses: as a means of opening the eyes of children to the important facts about them; as a basis for work in English; and lastly, as an introduction to courses in Agriculture which are being introduced into various High Schools and Academies throughout the State.

ATTENDANCE

There have been many cases of truancy confined largely to whole families showing that the difficulty lies more largely with the parents than with the children themselves. I recommend the appointment of three truant officers, one at the Center, one at the Boundary and one at West Bridgewater.

D. PLANTATION

Proceedings are now under way for the appointment of a School Agent for this Plantation. Cases of truancy will be investigated and tuition will be paid the town from the State Treasury

The town is to be congratulated upon the character and ability of the men who have served the town in previous years as Superintendents of Schools and Principal of the Academy and also upon the unanimity with which they have been supported by the people themselves. The schools are in "good" condition, now with the assistance of all let them be made "better."

I recommend the appropriation of the following sums for the ensuing year:

Common School Fund	\$1600 00
Text Books	300 00
Repairs (Not including Academy)	100 00
Supplies	100 00
Superintendence	135 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. ROBBINS, Supt.

Report of Board of Health

The town of Bridgewater can be congratulated for its condition for the past year as far as its health is concerned.

The board has not been called upon in one single instance to act.

We would ask that the Road Commissioner will assist the Board of Health in putting a stop to people dumping their rubbish in the bounds of the road, this has been an old habit and must be stopped for it is not only unhealthy but very unsightly, and we feel sure that all, now that their attention is called to it will not force the Board to have same cleared up and removed at their expense.

A. E. SCHRIVER,	}	Board of Health.
R. J. KIMBALL,		
E. B. MORTON, Sec'y		

Warrant.

To GEORGE A. BARRETT, a constable of the town of Bridgewater.
Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bridgewater, qualified by lay to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 21, 1910 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to elect one or more road commissioners.
- Art. 5 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor and other necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.
- Art. 7 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs on school buildings.
- Art. 8 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school text books.
- Art. 9 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Free High School for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs upon roads and bridges.
- Art. 11 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Morse road, so called.

- Art. 12 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the new road running north from the Morse road, so called.
- Art. 13 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of the Superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 14 To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" upon the adoption of the provisions of chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine, for the year 1907 as amended by chapter 69, Public laws of 1909 relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1910.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the sum of \$400, being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of chapter 112 of the Public laws of Maine for the year 1907 as amended by chapter 69, Public laws of 1909.
- Art. 16 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for paying off the town debt.
- Art. 17 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs on cemeteries.
- Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to light B. & A. street from F. W. Snow's corner to the B. & A. station.
- Art. 19 To see what sum of money the town will vote for Electric lights for the ensuing year.
- Art. 20 To see if the town will fix a time when taxes will be due and payable, and will vote to make any discount upon taxes paid at such time or times as may determine, and if so what per cent. also to fix a time and rate of interest to be added upon taxes remaining unpaid.
- Art. 21 To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from W. W. Nichols' shop to B. C. Academy.

- Art. 22 To see what sum of money the town will vote for same.
- Art. 23 To see if the town will vote to raise the roof on the Academy, so said building shall be two stories high making room for extra pupils.
- Art. 24 To see how much the town will appropriate for said repairs and how it shall be expended.
- Art. 25 To see what repairs shall be made besides raising roof.
- Art. 26 To see if the town will vote to instruct its Superintending School Committee to contract with the Trustees of the B. C. A. for tuition and course of study for the students of the town to attend said Institution.
- Art. 27 To see if the town will vote to wire the Town Hall for Electric lights.
- Art. 28 To see if thy town will vote to instruct its board of Selectmen to buy the foundation and cellar under the Town Hall from the Chandler estate and pay for same out of the money raised for miscellaneous bills.
- Art. 29 To see if the town will vote to accept the town report as published by the Selectmen March 12, 1910.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall in said town on the 21st day of March at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Bridgewater, the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1910.

H. G. STACKPOLE,) Selectmen
H. E. PRYOR,) of
JOHN W. SARGENT,) Bridgewater.

Treasurer's Report for 1909

To Cash on hand March 31, 1909,	\$4179 77
Rec'd of State for F H School,	285 13
“ “ “ “ Roads,	247 50
“ “ “ “ Pensions,	60 00
“ “ “ “ Dog tax 1908,	56 73
“ “ “ “ Bank & mill tax,	1706 77
“ on 1909 tax,	10272 91
“ “ 1908 “	238 58
“ “ 1907 “	565 61
“ of Town Clerk, dog tax 1909,	65 00
“ interest on School fund,	121 58
“ janitor Town Hall,	57 63
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	\$17857 41
By paid State Tax for 1909,	\$1197 79
“ “ County “ “ “	601 31
“ “ Dog “ “ “	65 00
“ “ State pensions,	72 00
“ “ Interest on town orders,	391 96
“ “ “ “ school fund,	121 58
“ “ Town orders,	12637 39
To Bal.	2770 38
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	\$17857 41

March 12, 1910.

A. M. STACKPOLE, Treasurer of
Bridgewater, Maine.

High School Boys & Girls

\$20

To be paid in prizes for the ten best Ads. on the
QUALITY of our PIANOS, and we carry
the following well known makes

<i>Chickering</i>	<hr/>	1st Prize \$5.00
<i>Ivers & Pond</i>	Ads. to be judged by CHAS. H. FOGG, Editor of the <i>Times</i> and E. L. LOWELL, Editor of the <i>Mars Hill View.</i>	2nd " 4.00
<i>Conover</i>		3rd " 3.00
<i>McPhail</i>		4th " 2.50
<i>Poole</i>		5th " 2.00
<i>Estey</i>		6th " 1.00
<i>Sterling</i>	<hr/>	7th " 1.00
<i>Jacob Bros.</i>	Contest closes Mar. 25	8th " .50
<i>Carola, Inner-</i>		9th " .50
<i>Player</i>		10th " .50
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All Ads to be sent to

HOULTON MUSIC STORE

A. E. ASTLE, Prop.

The House of Quality